

WASHINGTON POTATOES



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PROCESSING POTATOES

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 72,350 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes to June 1, 2004, 870 thousand cwt. more than the 71,480 thousand cwt. processed during the same period last year, and 2,950 thousand cwt. more than the 69,400 thousand cwt. processed during the same time frame two years ago. Processing to June 1, 2004 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 64.8 percent of the 2003 production. Processing in the nine processing states totaled 173,375 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes to June 1, 2004, 2.5 percent less than the same period last year. Dehydrating usage in the nine processing states, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 39,085 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,^{1/} SELECTED STATES, 2002 & 2003

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2002-03	11,790	20,180	28,380	34,860	41,200	48,600	56,240	63,840	71,280	85,390
	2003-04	9,810	17,290	24,310	30,730	36,260	43,640	49,570	56,380	63,770	-
Maine 2/	2002-03	-	-	2,230	2,715	3,345	3,905	4,505	5,225	5,905	7,835
	2003-04 3/	-	-	1,590	2,095	2,725	3,415	4,105	4,730	5,335	-
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2002-03	19,500	26,440	33,680	39,490	44,190	51,920	58,710	64,300	71,480	79,110
	2003-04	18,100	24,690	32,670	38,520	43,610	51,210	58,500	64,160	72,350	-
Other States 4/	2002-03	-	-	12,190	14,865	17,865	20,740	23,580	26,000	29,075	36,705
	2003-04	-	-	12,570	15,410	18,760	21,885	25,055	28,585	31,920	-
TOTAL	2002-03	-	-	76,480	91,930	106,600	125,165	143,035	159,365	177,740	209,040
	2003-04 3/	-	-	71,140	86,755	101,355	120,150	137,230	153,855	173,375	-
Dehydrated 5/	2002-03	-	-	15,670	19,660	23,710	27,950	31,910	36,105	40,455	48,943
	2003-04	-	-	14,250	18,370	22,050	26,090	30,290	34,630	39,085	-

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, CO, MI, and WI.

2/ Includes ME grown potatoes only.

3/ May revised.

4/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

- No monthly data available.

POTATO STOCKS

Potatoes stored in Washington on June 1, 2004 were estimated at 7,000 thousand cwt., 2,000 thousand cwt. less than the 9,000 thousand cwt. in storage on June 1, 2003, but 3,000 thousand cwt. less than the 10,000 thousand cwt. in storage on June 1, 2002. Disappearance of the State's crop to date was 86,150 thousand cwt. compared with 83,340 thousand cwt. a year ago.

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JUNE POTATO STOCKS UP 3 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 47.4 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2004, up 3 percent from last year and 10 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 12 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Disappearance of 357 million cwt of potatoes is down 1 percent from last year but 4 percent above two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 29.2 million cwt so far this season, is up 7 percent from last year and 9 percent above two years ago.

Western States held 33.2 million cwt of potatoes in storage on June 1, down 10 percent from last year but less than 1 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 2 percent from last year, Washington decreased 22 percent, and Colorado's storages held 53 percent less. Potato sheds in Oregon stored 26 percent more than last year. California's and Montana's storages combined gained 26 percent.

Central States accounted for 11.9 million cwt of potato stocks on June 1, up 75 percent from last year and 50 percent above two years ago. North Dakota potato sheds stored 85 percent more than last year, Minnesota stocks increased 52 percent, and Wisconsin went up 54 percent. Michigan, Nebraska, and Ohio together are up 180 percent from a year ago.

Eastern States stored 2.33 million cwt of potatoes on June 1, up 1 percent from last year and 29 percent above two years ago. Maine's stocks are up 10 percent from last year, while New York and Pennsylvania combined decreased 85 percent.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1998-2003 WASHINGTON & 15 FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1 1/
		1,000 Cwt.						
WASHINGTON								
1998	93,225	49,000	43,500	36,500	29,500	21,500	14,500	7,500
1999	95,200	48,000	41,000	35,000	28,000	20,500	14,500	7,000
2000	105,000	59,000	52,000	44,500	37,500	29,500	21,500	13,000
2001	94,400	53,000	46,000	40,000	32,500	25,000	18,000	10,000
2002	92,340	50,000	43,500	38,500	30,500	23,000	16,500	9,000
2003	93,150	51,000	44,000	38,000	29,500	21,500	15,000	7,000
15 STATES 2/								
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,190	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,585	231,690	199,320	165,310	125,870	82,940	45,980
2003	403 946	287 860	233 880	200 530	166 690	126 410	84 800	47 410

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop.

2/ See table below for listing of 15 states.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON JUNE 1, 2003 AND JUNE 1, 2004 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2002			CROP OF 2003		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JUNE 1, 2003 /2	JUNE 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JUNE 1, 2004 /2	JUNE 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California 3/	4,316	700	16	3,444		
Colorado	27,885	3,800	14	23,652	1,800	8
Idaho	133,385	21,000	16	123,180	20,500	17
Maine	16,960	2,100	12	17,030	2,300	14
Michigan	13,878			15,015		
Minnesota 3/	18,810	2,300	12	22,330	3,500	16
Montana	3,224			3,339		
Nebraska	8,611			9,860		
New York	5,500			6,510		
North Dakota	23,460	2,700	12	27,440	5,000	18
Ohio 3/	902			1,290		
Oregon	24,936	2,300	9	20,991	2,900	14
Pennsylvania 3/	2,128			3,915		
Washington 3/	92,340	9,000	10	93,150	7,000	8
Wisconsin 3/	30,750	1,300	4	32,800	2,000	6
Other States		780				
15 States Total 3/	407,085	45,980	11	403,946	47,410	12

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States."

3/ 2002 production revised in *Field Crops, Final Estimates 1997-2002* publication released March 17, 2004. Stocks will be revised in *Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes, Final Estimates 1997-2002* publication tentatively scheduled for release August 20, 2004.